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## Edwin B. Forsythe Refuge Announces Environmental Assessment and Public Meeting for Marsh Enhancement Project

Galloway, NJ – Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge has announced the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment for public review and comment regarding proposed marsh enhancement projects. The Environmental Assessment for the project is available for review at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge website, [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin\\_b\\_forsythe/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/), and at the refuge's Visitor Information Center located at 800 Great Creek Road, Oceanville, NJ. A public meeting will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, in the Galloway Township Municipal Building, 300 E. Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway, NJ. Proposed marsh enhancement project plans will be presented and will be followed by a question and answer period.

The proposed project will improve approximately 500 acres of estuarine salt marsh habitat in Ocean County by enhancing and restoring currently degraded areas that have been negatively impacted by activities such as grid-ditching, salt hay farming, erosion, and sea level rise. The Refuge is proposing sediment enrichment at three project areas in Brick and Berkeley Townships. The work will also include replacing or the addition of a culvert in Berkeley Township (Good Luck Point) and the decommissioning (i.e., breaching of dikes) of three non-functioning impoundments at three project areas (Stouts Creek, Forked River, and Barnegat).

Written comments should be submitted to Amy Drohan, Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, P.O. Box 72, Oceanville, NJ 08231 or via email to [forsythe@fws.gov](mailto:forsythe@fws.gov). The public comment period for the EA will close on October 21, 2016.

For more information, contact Refuge Manager Virginia Rettig at (609) 652-1665 or visit [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin\\_b\\_forsythe/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/).

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